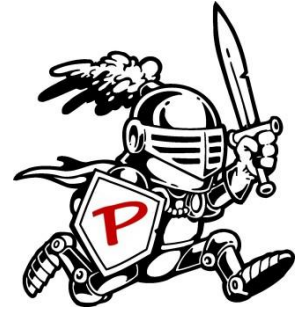


- *IAJHSC District: Northwest
- *Name of School/Town: Parkside Middle School (Peru, Illinois)
- *Enrollment: about 450 students in grades 5-8
- *Advisors' Names: Judith Cary and Heather Smigel
- *Mascot: Raider
- *School Colors: Red, Black, and White



The Parkside Student Council is comprised of any interested students who meet basic eligibility requirements in grades 5-8. The Council meets every Tuesday morning from 7:50-8:20 for a formal Executive meeting. These meetings are run by the Executive Board which includes a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretary, Publicity Coordinators, and a Scrapbook Designer. Executive Board members interview for their positions of interest in the Spring; there are no formal Student Council elections within our Council.

The goals of our Council are to support our school and its members, celebrate our community, and share leadership lessons and experiences in order to grow as life-long leaders. As a group, the Council brings various ideas to life over the course of the school year to meet the needs of the school, student body, and community. Some of these projects and activities include: a volleyball activity night, Think Pink yogurt lid collection, sponsoring an annual assembly (including Jill Esplin from Leading for Life and MWAH!), monthly Leadership Meetings, and working and maintaining the concession stand at all of the home events.

Our Council has been a member of IAJHSC for five years. As members of this organization, our Council has attended Convention each year, sent members to Summer Leadership Camp, and the Adult Advisors have attended the Advisors' Workshop. As members of the IAJHSC, our Council feels supported and deeply rooted in the traditions and successes of this amazing and driven organization. The IAJHSC offers tremendous support and resources to our Student Council. We are proud to be members of the IAJHSC and Northwest District!



“Leadership offers an opportunity to make a difference in someone’s life, no matter what the project.” ~Bill Owens